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The listing of the claims has been amended such that the identifier "Presently amended" has been substituted by "Currently amended." No other changes or new matter has been added.

It is believe that this amendment satisfies the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Applicant submits the Application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests early notice to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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